

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4346, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act (the legislative vehicle for the CHIPS Act of 2022), with an amendment.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3707–3747*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4626–4649, and S. Res. 724–726. **Pages S3743–44**

#### Measures Passed:

**Senator Johnny Isakson Department of Veterans Affairs Atlanta Regional Office:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 4359, to designate the regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs in metropolitan Atlanta as the "Senator Johnny Isakson Department of Veterans Affairs Atlanta Regional Office", and the bill was then passed. **Pages S3734–36**

**Harriet Tubman Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1842, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the Bicentennial of Harriet Tubman's birth. **Page S3736**

**National World War II Memorial Commemorative Coin Act:** Senate passed H.R. 1057, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. **Page S3736**

**Russian Federation State Sponsor of Terrorism:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 623, calling on the Secretary of State to designate the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3736–37**

**Authorizing testimony, documents, and representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 725, to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in *State of Ohio v. Houston*. **Page S3737**

**Authorizing testimony and representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 726, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Herrera*. **Pages S3737–38**

#### House Messages:

**Legislative Branch Appropriations Act:** By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 271), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4346, making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, with Schumer Amendment No. 5135 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), relating to the CHIPS Act of 2022, after taking action on the following amendment and motion proposed thereto: **Pages S3707–15**

#### Withdrawn:

Schumer Amendment No. 5136 (to Amendment No. 5135), to add an effective date. **Page S3714**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 270), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and any other applicable budget points of order for purposes of the pending bill. Subsequently, the point of order that the measure was in violation of section 4106 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, H. Con. Res. 71 of the 115th Congress, the Senate pay-as-you-go point of order, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell. **Page S3714**

**Protecting our Gold Star Families Education Act:** Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 3373, to improve the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant and the Children of Fallen Heroes Grant, taking action

on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S3715–34**

Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill. **Page S3715**

Schumer motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 5148 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), to add an effective date. **Page S3715**

Schumer Amendment No. 5149 (to Schumer Amendment No. 5148), to modify the effective date. **Page S3715**

Schumer motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 5150, to add an effective date. **Page S3715**

Schumer Amendment No. 5151 (to the instructions (Schumer Amendment No. 5150) of the motion to refer), to modify the effective date. **Page S3715**

Schumer Amendment No. 5152 (to Amendment No. 5151), to modify the effective date. **Page S3715**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 272), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Schumer motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill. **Page S3731**

Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Schumer motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill. **Page S3731**

**Milstein Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 28, 2022, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Constance J. Milstein, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, under the previous order of Tuesday, July 19, 2022; and that at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect. **Page S3746**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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**Messages from the House:** **Page S3742**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S3742**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:** **Pages S3742–43**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Page S3743**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S3744–45**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S3741–42**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S3746**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S3746**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—272) **Pages S3714–15, 3731**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3746.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1628, to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to strengthen protections relating to the online collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and minors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3663, to protect the safety of children on the internet, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, Donald R. Cravins, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Minority Business Development, and Susie Feliz, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, and Arati Prabhakar, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Annie Caputo, of Virginia, and Bradley R. Crowell, of Nevada, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and 15 General Services Administration resolutions.

### CCUS TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the development of projects and implementation of policies that support carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) technologies, after receiving testimony from Senator Cassidy; M. Jason Lanclos, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Technology Assessment

Division State Energy Office, Baton Rouge; Jason Albritton, The Nature Conservancy, and Brad Townsend, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, both of Arlington, Virginia; and John Harju, University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center, Grand Forks.

### U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC STATECRAFT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States national security and economic statecraft, focusing on ensuring U.S. global leadership for the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Jose W. Fernandez, Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment; Enoch T. Ebong, Director, Trade and Development Agency; and Andy P. Baukol, Performing the Duties of Under Secretary for International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Puneet Talwar, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Jonathan Henick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Lesslie Viguerie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Daniel N. Rosenblum, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Joey R. Hood, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, who was introduced by Senator Shaheen, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### FY 2023 BUDGET FOR AFRICA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for Africa, after receiving testimony from Molly Phee, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; and Diana Putman, Acting Assistant Administrator for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### 1866 RECONSTRUCTION TREATIES OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine select provisions of the 1866 Reconstruction Treaties between the United States and Oklahoma Tribes, after receiving testimony from Representative Waters; Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Cherokee Nation,

Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Lewis Johnson, and Brian Palmer, both of The Great Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Wewoka; Michael Burrage, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant; Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; and Stephen Greetham, Chickasaw Nation, and Marilyn Vann, Descendants of Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes Association, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Dana M. Douglas, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Bradley N. Garcia, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Frances Kay Behm, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, who was introduced by Senators Stabenow and Peters, Jerry W. Blackwell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, who was introduced by Senator Smith, Anne M. Nardacci, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and Richard E. DiZinno, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, who was introduced by Senator Graham, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and barriers to entrepreneurship for returning citizens and justice impacted individuals, after receiving testimony from Coss Marte, CONBODY, New York, New York; Dan Caudill, Caudill Seed, Louisville, Kentucky; Damon J. Phillips, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, Philadelphia; and Rob Perez, DV8 Kitchen, Lexington, Kentucky.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anjali Chaturvedi, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, and Jaime Areizaga-Soto, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, who was introduced by Senator Kaine, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 27 public bills, H.R. 8521–8547; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 1290–1291 were introduced. **Pages H7254–55**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7256–57**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1289, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4346) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes, and providing for proceedings during the period from August 1, 2022, through September 12, 2022 (H. Rept. 117–445). **Page H7254**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cardenas to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7175**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

**Institute for Telecommunication Sciences Codification Act:** H.R. 4990, amended, to codify the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies. **Pages H7184–85**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:28 p.m. and reconvened at 3:34 p.m. **Page H7197**

**Susan Muffley Act of 2022:** The House passed H.R. 6929, to increase the benefits guaranteed in connection with certain pension plans, by a ye-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 396. **Pages H7211–20**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment printed in part D of H. Rept. 117–432 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H7211**

Agreed to:

Scott (VA) amendment (No. 1 printed in part E of H. Rept. 117–432) that requires the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) to issue a request for information to the public regarding ways to ensure the long-term solvency of the agency's insurance programs and submit a report, with recommendations, to Congress. **Page H7212**

H. Res. 1254, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3771), (H.R. 5118), and (H.R. 6929) was agreed to yesterday, July 26th.

**South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act:** The House passed H.R. 3771, to amend

the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, by a ye-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 398. **Page H7185–89, S7220–21**

Rejected the Miller-Meeks motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce by a ye-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 397. **Page H7220**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–58 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill. **Page H7185**

Agreed to:

Pallone amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 117–432) that requires the Secretary of HHS to enter into an agreement with the National Academies (or another appropriate entity) to conduct a study on the relationship between COVID–19 and rates of morbidity and mortality as a result of heart disease. **Page H7185**

H. Res. 1254, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3771), (H.R. 5118), and (H.R. 6929) was agreed to yesterday, July 26th.

**Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID–19 Act:** The House passed H.R. 4040, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend telehealth flexibilities under the Medicare program, by a ye-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 400. **Pages H7221–23**

Rejected the Schweikert motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce by a ye-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 399. **Page H7221**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–59, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–444, shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H7189–90**

H. Res. 1256, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4040) and (H.R. 263) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 395, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 394. Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 1256, House Resolution 517 was considered adopted. **Page H7182**

**Suspending the Rules and passing bills en bloc:** Pursuant to section 5 of H. Res. 1254, Representative Kildee made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the following bills en bloc, and therefore the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions would be vacated to the end that all such motions would be considered as withdrawn: H.R. 623, as amended; H.R. 3952, as amended; H.R. 3962, as amended; H.R. 4551; H.R. 5313, as amended; H.R. 6933; H.R. 7132, as amended; H.R. 7361; H.R. 7569; H.R. 7624, as amended; H.R. 7733, as amended; and H.R. 7981, as amended, which was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 336 yeas to 90 nays, Roll No. 401.

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**Agreed to amend the title of H.R. 623 as follows:** “To extend the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program at the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.” Page H7223

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7197.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eight yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7181–82, H7219–22 and H7236–37.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2193, the “Asuncion Valdivia Heat Illness and Fatality Prevention Act of 2021”; and H.R. 8450, to reauthorize child nutrition programs, and for other purposes. H.R. 2193 and H.R. 8450 were ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1728, the “Strategy and Investment in Rural Housing Preservation Act of 2021”; H.R. 2965, the “Naomi Schwartz Safe Parking Act of 2022”; H.R. 4277, the “Overdraft Protection Act of 2021”; H.R. 4865, the “Registration for Index-Linked Annuities Act”; H.R. 6889, the “Credit Union Board Modernization Act”; H.R. 7123, the “Studying Barriers to Housing Act”; H.R. 8484, the “Aligning SEC Regulations for the World Bank’s International Development Association Act”; H.R. 8476, the “Housing Inspections Accountability Act of 2022”; H.R. 8485, the “Expanding Access to Credit through Consumer-Permissioned Data Act”; H.R. 8478, the “Credit Reporting Accuracy After a Legal Name Change Act”; Resolution to Reauthorize

the Artificial Intelligence Task Force; and Resolution to Reauthorize the Financial Technology Task Force.

### CHALLENGES FACING GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Challenges Facing Global Food Security”. Testimony was heard from Sarah Charles, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Maura Barry, Acting Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### ASSESSING CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION’S USE OF FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations held a hearing entitled “Assessing CBP’s Use of Facial Recognition Technology”. Testimony was heard from Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### A GROWING THREAT: FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC SOURCES OF DISINFORMATION

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Elections held a hearing entitled “A Growing Threat: Foreign and Domestic Sources of Disinformation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7946, the “Veteran Service Recognition Act of 2022”; and H.R. 2920, the “American Families United Act”. H.R. 7946 and H.R. 2920 were ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2021, the “Environmental Justice For All Act”. H.R. 2021 was ordered reported, as amended.

### EXAMINING THE PRACTICES AND PROFITS OF GUN MANUFACTURERS

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Practices and Profits of Gun Manufacturers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN OF 2022; EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE ACT OF 2022, MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE ACT OF 2021; BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE ACT; VICTIM ACT OF 2022; COPS ON THE BEAT GRANT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION AND PARITY ACT OF 2022; INVEST TO PROTECT ACT OF 2022**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 1808, the “Assault Weapons Ban of 2022”; and H.R. 2814, the “Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act of 2022”, H.R. 1368, the “Mental Health Justice Act of 2021”; H.R. 4118, the “Break the Cycle of Violence Act”; H.R. 5768, the “VICTIM Act of 2022”; H.R. 6375, the “COPS on the Beat Grant Program Reauthorization and Parity Act of 2022”; and H.R. 6448, the “Invest to Protect Act of 2022”.

**THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Senate Amendment to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 4346, an Act making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes [CHIPS and Science]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate Amendment to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 4346, the “CHIPS and Science Act”. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology or her designee that the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and the Senate amendment. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology or their designees. Section 2 of the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from August 1, 2022, through September 12, 2022, the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved. The rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution. The rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the reso-

lution shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution; a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII; a calendar or legislative day for purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII; or a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XV. Testimony was heard from Chairman Johnson of Texas and Representative Lucas.

**LEVERAGING THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT: THE ROLE OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S BOND GUARANTEE PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Leveraging the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: The Role of the SBA’s Bond Guarantee Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ENHANCING PERSONNEL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT A STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT COAST GUARD**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime held a hearing entitled “Enhancing Personnel Resources to Support a Stronger, More Resilient Coast Guard”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Linda Fagan, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

**PROTECTING OUR VETERANS: PATIENT SAFETY AND ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION PROGRAM**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “Protecting our Veterans: Patient Safety and Electronic Health Record Modernization Program”. Testimony was heard from Terry Adirim, Program Executive Director, Electronic Health Record Modernization Integration Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Case, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Julie Kroviak, Principle Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Office of Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8487, the “Improving Seniors Timely Access to Care Act of 2022”. H.R. 8487 was ordered reported, as amended.

**COMBATTING THE THREATS TO U.S.  
NATIONAL SECURITY FROM THE  
PROLIFERATION OF FOREIGN  
COMMERCIAL SPYWARE**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Combating the Threats to U.S. National Security from the Proliferation of Foreign Commercial Spyware”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Milancy Danielle Harris, of Virginia, and Radha Iyengar Plumb, of New York, both to be a Deputy Under Secretary, and Brendan Owens, of Virginia, and Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine protecting investors and savers, focusing on understanding scams and risks in crypto and securities markets, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 3145, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, S. 3543, to support research, development, and other activities to develop innovative vehicle technologies, S. 3719, to establish the Southwestern Power Administration Fund, S. 3740, to provide for a comprehensive and integrative program to accelerate microelectronics research and development at the Department of Energy, S. 3769, to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to improve the weatherization assistance program, S. 3856, to prohibit the importation of uranium from the Russian Federation, S. 4038, to increase the production and use of renewable diesel and sustainable aviation fuel, S. 4061, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to modify the definition of water heater under energy conservation standards, S. 4066, to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program to accelerate the availability of commercially produced high-assay, low-enriched uranium in the United States and to make high-assay, low-enriched uranium produced from Department of Energy inventories available for use in advanced nuclear reactors, S. 4280, to require the Secretary of Energy to remove carbon dioxide directly from ambient air or seawater, and an original bill entitled, “to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear

waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste”, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Jay Curtis Shambaugh, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Rebecca Lee Haffajee, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Douglas J. McKalip, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William H. Duncan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Hugo F. Rodriguez, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Candace A. Bond, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Heide B. Fulton, of West Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, and Robert J. Faucher, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Shefali Razdan Duggal, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Carrin F. Patman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, Gautam A. Rana, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Angela Price Aggeler, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of North Macedonia, and Randy W. Berry, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 2 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 4430, to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish an interagency task force between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of sharing information and providing technical assistance with respect to patents, S. 4524, to limit the judicial enforceability of predispute nondisclosure and nondisparagement contract clauses relating to disputes involving sexual assault and sexual harassment, and the nominations of Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Roopali H. Desai, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Doris L. Pryor, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Maria del R. Antongiorgi-Jordan, Gina R. Mendez-Miro, and Camille L. Velez-Rive, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Ana C. Reyes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and E. Martin Estrada, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California, and Gregory J. Haanstad, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, both of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH–216.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine accessible Federal technology for people with disabilities, older americans, and veterans, 10 a.m., SD–562.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing entitled “An Examination of the USDA Hemp Production Program”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Essential but Undervalued: Examining Workplace Protections for Domestic Workers”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 1728, the “Strategy and Investment in Rural Housing Preservation Act of 2021”; H.R. 2965, the “Naomi Schwartz Safe Parking Act of 2022”; H.R. 4277, the “Overdraft Protection Act of 2021”; H.R. 4865, the “Registration for Index-Linked Annuities Act”; H.R. 6889, the “Credit Union Board Modernization Act”; H.R. 7123, the “Studying Barriers to Housing Act”; H.R. 8484, the “Aligning SEC Regulations for the World Bank’s International Development Association Act”; H.R. 8476, the “Housing Inspections Accountability Act of 2022”; H.R. 8485, the “Expanding Access to Credit through Consumer-Permissioned Data Act”; H.R. 8478, the “Credit Reporting Accuracy After a Legal Name Change Act”; Resolution to Reauthorize the Artificial Intelligence Task Force; and Resolution to Reauthorize the Financial Technology Task Force, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled “Countering Gray Zone Coercion in the Indo-Pacific”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 922, condemning the use of hunger as a weapon of war and recognizing the effect of conflict on global food security and famine; H.R. 6498, the “PEACE through Music Diplomacy Act”; H.R. 7240, the “Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act”; H.R. 4134, the “Keeping Girls in School Act”; H.R. 8463, the “Millennium Challenge Corporation Eligibility Expansion Act”; H.R. 6455, the “Prosper Africa Act”; H.R. 8520, the “Countering Untrusted Telecommunications Act”; H.R. 8503, the “Securing Global Telecommunications Act”; H.R. 8259, the “Arms Exports Delivery Solutions Act”; H. Res. 558, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization; H.R. 6265, the “CAPTAGON Act”; H. Res. 744, condemning the Government of Iran’s state-sponsored persecution of its Baha’i

minority and its continued violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; H.R. 1259, condemning the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and honoring his life and legacy; and H.R. 8453, the “Upholding the Dayton Peace Agreement Through Sanctions Act”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn and Webex.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Independent State Legislature Theory and its Potential to Disrupt our Democracy”, 12 p.m., 1310 Longworth and Zoom.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Justice National Security Division”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

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Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing on H.R. 5449, the “Indian Health Service Advance Appropriations Act”, 1 p.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform*, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “FITARA 14.0”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Toxic Air: How Leaded Aviation Fuel Is Poisoning America’s Children”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Exploring Cyber Space: Cybersecurity Issues for Civil and Commercial Space Systems”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Progress Made? Ending Sexual Harassment at the Department of Veterans Affairs”, 10 a.m., HVC-210 and Zoom.

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “What’s the Big Idea? Innovative Approaches to Fixing Congress”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Building a Modern Economic Foundation: Economic Security and Income Support for 21st Century America”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

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## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Constance J. Milstein, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, and vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

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**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of the Senate Amendment to the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 4346—CHIPS and Science Act of 2022. Consideration of H.R. 263—Big Cat Public Safety Act. Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules. Possible consideration of H.R. 5118—Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act.

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